MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There was no formal inspection.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is this not one of the functions of the Dewan Peishkars?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is, according to the Regulation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : According to Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : All Regulations are enacted by the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is there any explanation for the fact that, all these years, none of the Peishkars considered it worth his while to inspect even a single co-operative society as has been provided for in the Co-operative Societies Regulation?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I am not in a position to answer the question.

Filling the vacancy of Mr. C. O. Madhavan in the Secretariat.

283. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whom the Government have appointed as Secretary in the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. C. O. Madhavan as Excise Commissioner ;

(*b*) whether that appointment was made when there were Assistant Secretaries who had acted as Secretaries on previous occasions and who were drawing the maximum salary of Assistant Secretaries ; and

(*c*) what considerations weighed with the Government in appointing as Secretary one from outside the Secretariat over the heads of those who have acted as Secretary ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. P. Visvanatha Aiyar, B. A., Division Assistant and First Class Magistrate, Chengannur, has been appointed to act as Secretary to Government *vice* Mr. C. O. Madhavan.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was considered necessary to appoint an officer with executive experience as Secretary to Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Was the work, in the Secretariat, of the Officer who was acting as Secretary, found to be unsatisfactory because he had no executive experience?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government thought that it would be more advantageous to have, as Secretary, an Officer with executive experience also.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : My question now is whether the work of the officer was found to be unsatisfactory?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was a question of *preference*. An officer who had executive experience was *preferred* to one who did not have it.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Chief Secretary himself has had any executive experience?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I had experience as Financial Secretary before I was made Chief Secretary.

Working of co-operative societies in the State.

284. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether, in view of the recommendations of the Banking Enquiry Committee, Government have taken any steps to institute an enquiry into the working of the co-operative societies in the State ;

(*b*) if so, what ; and

(*c*) if not, why?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*), Government have already decided to appoint a mixed committee of officials and non-officials to enquire into the present position and report on the future development of the movement. The committee will be appointed early in 1108.

(*c*) This question does not arise, in view of the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*) above.

Dating of application and petitions presented in Revenue Courts.

285. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any rule requiring proceedings presented before the Revenue Courts to be dated by the parties presenting them or by the officers receiving them ;

(*b*) whether any rule is observed and insisted on by the Revenue Courts in the matter of granting copies of records to applicants to denote on the copies furnished the dates on which they were applied for and delivered ; and

(*c*) if so, whether the different copies of the several records applied for under the same application are required to be separately given such dates?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to his question No. 137 asked on the 21st of April 1932.

(*c*) Every copy will bear an endorsement as required in clause (8) of Rule 2 of the Notification dated the 26th July 1921, giving the dates of application and delivery of the copy, etc.

Leave to Mr. Chacko, Ag. clerk in the Secretariat.

286. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Chacko, an acting undergraduate clerk in the Secretariat, was given leave to prosecute his collegiate education ;

(*b*) whether acting men have any lien on their posts while on leave ; and

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